

FOREIGN NEWS.

London, June 18.—Latest accounts of the catastrophe at Sunderland, state that one hundred and ninety children lost their lives, the ages being from four to fourteen years. It has been ascertained that the disaster was caused by the closing of a spring door leading from the building.

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London, June 17.—One of the most appalling catastrophes for many years past occurred at Sunderland last night.

A children's fête was held during the evening in the Victoria Hall, fully two thousand being present and the entertainment having ended, the children were leaving the building when a false alarm of fire was raised.

A panic ensued, and a rush was made for the staircase, in descending which many fell and were trampled upon by those following.

The outlet became blocked, and before the panic could be allayed, and the staircase cleared, one hundred and eighty had been crushed to death, and many others seriously injured.

The calamity caused profound distress and gloom over the district, and sympathy is universally expressed for the sufferers and their relatives.

Melbourne, June 12.—Mr. James Service's proposal for the annexation of the New Hebrides Islands has received the cordial approval of Lord Normanby, and His Excellency has telegraphed to Lord Derby urging the expediency of the project.

London, June 11.—The Agents-General of the various Australasian colonies consider that before approaching the Imperial Government in reference to the propriety of the annexation of the New Hebrides and other Pacific islands, the colonies should first decide what amount they are prepared to contribute towards the cost of management of the new possessions. Mr. Murray Smith, Agent-General for Victoria, and Sir F. Dillon Bell, Agent-General for New Zealand have cabled to this effect to their respective Governments.

On the arrival of the Czar at St. Petersburg, he was received with great enthusiasm, and then proceeded to the Imperial residence at Peterhof.

A number of American officers are making application for positions in the Chinese navy.

VICTORIA.

The infant child of Mr. Shaw, a resident of Camperdown, was playing with a ferret, when the animal suddenly attacked the child, and completely ate away the right side of its face before the helpless little fellow's screams attracted attention. The child was frightfully injured and died in great agony from the effects of the wounds inflicted by the animal.

A meeting was held on June 5th, for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing a national association of vine-growers and wine merchants. Mr. L. L. Smith, who presided, remarked that it was probable that in a few years the Australian vineyards will be the only ones in the world not blighted by phylloxera.

TASMANIA.

Ogden and Sutherland were executed on June 5th for the murder of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Holman at Epping, last April. Both convicts met their fate calmly, and without any demonstration, except a slight trembling of the hands when placed on the scaffold. Death followed the fall of the drop instantaneously. Sutherland, just before the bolt was drawn exclaimed, "Lord, have mercy on my soul!" Ogden said nothing. The culprits were quite youths, but the murders were particularly atrocious.

NEW ZEALAND.

A disastrous fire occurred at Dunedin recently, when the railway goods shed, with all its valuable contents, was totally destroyed. The shed contained a large quantity of goods, which had only just been landed from the steamers Westmeath, Wakatipu and Tarawera. It is believed that the loss will amount to fully £5,000, which is covered by insurance. The loss sustained by the importers will be about £2,500. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Sydney, June 18.—The steamship Austral that sunk in Sydney harbor nearly twelve months ago, has since been floated and sailed for London in June.

Sydney, June 18.—It is understood that Sir Henry Parkes leaves Sydney by the P. M. S. Australia on July 12th for America, where he will remain some time before proceeding to England, and that he will be absent from the colony about eighteen months. It is understood that Sir Henry's visit to England is on account of his private affairs.

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The Victoria Government have telegraphed to all the other colonies, asking their co-operation with Victoria in moving for the annexation of the New Hebrides and other Pacific islands. All the colonies have replied favorably.

Prince Hannan, son of the Grand Duke of Hesse, has been declared a bankrupt in Prussia.

Herr Lasker, a prominent member of the German Reichstag, is coming to the United States for a five months' visit.

Prince Bismarck has, of late, repeatedly expressed himself in very despondent language in reference to the state of his health. The Amer. of Afghanistan recently constructed a pyramid near his quarters with a batch of a hundred and fifty heads of his enemies.

London, June 11th.—The trial of the dynamite conspirators, Dr. Gallagher, Bernard Gallagher, Ansbury, Curtin, Whitehead and Wilson, charged with the treason of Lyons, began this morning.

Lyons, alias Norman, the informer, repeated his testimony in regard to the doings of the conspirators previous to and after their arrival in England from America, which he gave at the preliminary hearing.

London, June 11th.—Michael Davitt has arrived, and had a consultation with Parnell, and they have come to an arrangement in regard to the manner in which the agitation in Ireland shall be conducted hereafter, and Davitt is not to go to America, but to remain at home to carry out the Irish programme.

London, June 12th.—A correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at Paris says it is officially announced that negotiations between France and China are progressing favorably.

London, June 12th.—The body of the hotel

caused by poison administered by the Invincibles, has been exhumed, and no trace of poison discovered.

London, June 12th.—The trial of the men concerned in the dynamite conspiracy was resumed this morning.

Baron Alphonse Rothschild's daughter Beatrice was married in Paris Wednesday last. Baron Rothschild gave his daughter \$300,000 to buy furniture with and \$5,000 a month to keep house. During the ten days preceding the wedding the bride received over eleven hundred letters from destitute young ladies asking alms, and there was not one but received an answer.

London, June 12th.—A famine in the Kurdish districts, Asia Minor, is reported. Many have died. Grain is selling for six times its usual price.

The Prince of Wales won \$40,000 at the Ascot races last week. He paid off several of his old debts. The Prince is said to grow more popular every day.

The Gaiety Theater in Manchester, England, was burned Saturday night. There was no performance, and no lives were lost.

A Paris Paper, *Le France*, states that the Malagasy Envoy has been instructed to treat with the French Government again. London, June 13th.—One hundred and thirty soldiers, stationed at Posen, have been accidentally poisoned. The condition of the men is dangerous.

San Francisco, June 10th.—John L. Sullivan, the slogger, is a fugitive from justice, his wife having secured a warrant for his arrest for brutal assault while under the influence of liquor.

St. John and Pontius Pilate have sued Samuel Morse, of the Passion Play for unpaid salaries, but Judas Iscariot appears to have got his money in advance. A woman writes to the *Boston Globe* that, finding she could earn more in business than her husband, they reversed the order of things. She now goes to business, and he does all the home work, and does it excellently. The plan works very satisfactorily.

San Francisco, June 10th.—We have now to announce the arrival of the P. M. steamship Zealandia, 24 days from the Colonies, via Honolulu eight days, with passengers and Government mails, and for cargo 1,435 ingots Sydney pig tin, 6,348 bags Hawaiian sugar, 3,415 bags Island Rice, and 1,226 bunches bananas. The German bark, C. R. Bishop, 23 days from Honolulu is at hand with 25,346 bags sugar, 2,235 bags rice, 57 barrels molasses, etc.

New Zealand.—New Zealand is receiving a large influx of immigrants of a very desirable class. They are mostly men possessed of capital enough to enable them to buy up land and enter upon farming operations.

Ponagauri, an active volcano in the center of the North Island, was in violent eruption on the 26th ult., not equalled for thirteen years past. The volcano could be seen from Napier on the east coast.

Sydney.—It is not thought that the local Parliament will agree to continue its agreement with New Zealand after November next, to pay half the subsidy that runs the Pacific Mail Company's service to San Francisco.

Shanghai, June 5th.—War is inevitable upon Franco-Chinese her pretensions in Annam. Li Hung Chang, who has been severely criticised by the Tsung Li Yamen, or Council of Mandarins, because of his conciliatory attitude towards France, is now convinced that there is no way out of the difficulty except by fighting. The Council of Mandarins has decided to mobilize the Chinese army. The greatest activity prevails in the camps of instruction at Tientsin, Kiangnan and Ho-Nan, and at the naval arsenals of Shanghai and Foo-Chow fifty batteries of artillery have been equipped to take the field against France, and are now concentrating at Tieu-Tsin awaiting transportation to Annam. The forts all along the coast of the Gulf of Pecheli are being strengthened.

San Francisco, June 16.—On Tuesday evening last some eighty or a hundred of the steamer Zealandia's passengers on her last voyage gave a complimentary dinner at the Palace Hotel to her commander, Captain Henry Webber. To his character as a seaman, Captain Webber adds the disposition and manners of a gentleman, and to take the field against France, and are now exceedingly popular with all who have had the advantage of meeting him on sea or land.

Gould's new yacht was given a trial trip Saturday, and was pronounced the swiftest deep-sea-going yacht afloat. At times she would average sixteen knots an hour, more than seventeen miles.

There was a brilliant review Saturday at Moscow on the Peteroff plain of 55,000 troops. The outcome of the coronation, certainly will, it is thought in well-informed circles, be the adoption of conservative measures at home and a pacific policy abroad.

De Lesseps estimates that the cutting to flood the North African desert can be completed in five years, at a cost of not more than \$30,000,000.

Twenty thousand Chinamen are to be brought to Brazil at a cost of \$10 per head. They are to be indentured for five years as laborers, and will be paid thirty-two cents a day, out of which they will have to feed and clothe themselves.

With a bonded debt of over \$8,000,000, Louisiana has voted to expend \$1,500,000 on its streets.

A Valparaiso dispatch says: There are two brothers of "No. 1" in Chile, one a priest, the other a barkeeper.

It is said that China has suddenly broken off negotiations with Japan relative to the Loo Choo Islands just as an agreement was expected.

Bartholdi's Statue.

The Bartholdi statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," has recently been finished in France, and is soon to be sent to America. As our readers may not know what this is, we may state that a few weeks since patriotic citizens of France who hold the American Republic in high esteem, made an offer to the city of New York of a great statue of Liberty, the work of an eminent artist named Bartholdi. The offer was accepted, and the construction of the colossal figure, to tower two hundred and twenty feet aloft in New York harbor, began. When the work was nearly completed, it was discovered that the people of New York were exceedingly sluggish in raising the necessary money to plant the foundations on Bedloe's Island, in New York harbor. The news of the failure to raise the funds, which the generous donors of the superb statue, thereupon it was quickly given out that some other American citizen might buy the statue.

position to take it. This spurred the lag-gard New Yorkers up, and \$100,000 speedily came into the hands of the local committee. This gives assurance that the remaining \$100,000 will be raised, and General Stone, late of the Egyptian army, and once a resident of California, has commenced breaking ground for the foundations, he being the engineer in charge. An amusing incident in this connection was the offer of the people of Arizona, to raise the money for the pedestal if New York failed to do so.

Recent dispatches state that the work of excavating the foundation has begun. It is expected that the pedestal will be ready for the colossal figure during the coming Summer. The statue is the gift of France to America as a testimonial of the good will and common love of liberty between the two countries, and upwards of 250,000 people of France subscribed to the fund for its construction. When placed in position the top of the torch held aloft in Liberty's hand will be about 300 feet from the ground, nearly three times the extreme height of the great Colossus of Rhodes, famous as one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." A better idea can be formed of the enormous proportions of this gigantic statue, when it is known that, including the pedestal, it will be thirty feet higher than the tower of the East River bridge, and twelve feet higher than the spire of Trinity Church. The cost of the pedestal which is to be fifty feet, is estimated at about \$250,000. The statue will be conspicuous from all points of the harbor and will be a lasting honor to America as well as its generous donors.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE.

Suggestions to the Public, with Regulations Relating to the Mailing and Registry of Letters, Papers, and Parcels.

Rates of Postage to Countries in and Out of the Postal Union.

1. Mail all letters, etc., as early as practicable, especially when sent in large numbers, as is frequently the case with newspapers and circulars. The labor of the postoffice is much diminished if letters, when mailed in large numbers, are tied in bundles, with the addresses all in one direction.

2. Make the address on all foreign letters legible and complete, giving the name of the post-office, and State, when addressed to the United States. The name of the street and number of the house should also be given, where letter-carriers are employed, while the letter will eventually reach its destination without a number, the omission is often a cause of hesitation and delay. In the case of letters for foreign countries, and especially in Canada, in which country there are many post-offices having the same names as post-offices in the United States and in England, the name of the country as well as the post-office should be given in full. Letters addressed, for instance, merely to "London," without adding "England," are frequently sent to London, Canada, and vice versa, thereby causing delay, and often serious loss. Letters addressed to Burlington, N. S. (Nova Scotia), often go to Burlington, New York, on account of the resemblance between N. S. and N. Y. when carelessly written.

3. Always write the address with ink, and not with pencil of any kind, as the postmarks often become erased and the address rendered illegible.

4. Avoid, as much as possible, using envelopes made of thin paper, especially where more than one sheet of paper, or any other article than paper, is enclosed. Being often handled—and especially in the overseas mail bags carried on horseback, such envelopes not unfrequently split open, giving cause of complaint against officials who are entirely innocent in the matter.

5. Never send money or any other article of value through the mail, except either by means of a money-order or a registered letter.

6. Postage stamps should be placed on the upper right-hand corner of the address side of all mail matter.

7. The cutting of postage stamps in two or more pieces is prohibited, and no letter having a mutilated stamp on it will be forwarded.

8. Postage stamps are regarded as cash, and the sale of them on credit is strictly prohibited.

9. Anything in addition to an address written or printed on the address side of postal cards renders them unmailable.

10. To insure a double letter being forwarded in the mails, it must have not less than two cents in postage stamps affixed. If less than the full postage has been paid, double the amount due must be paid by the party receiving it.

11. A subscriber to a newspaper or periodical, who changes his residence and post-office, should at once notify the publisher of the change, and have the publication sent to his new address.

12. Publishers and news agents sending printed matter in quantities will facilitate its distribution, and often hasten its dispatch, by assorting such matter by States and Territories, and the larger cities, if foreign, or by Islands, if domestic.

13. All inquiries whether from postmasters or the public relative to lost or missing mail, matter of every description, both foreign and domestic, ordinary and registered, should be addressed to the General Post-Office, Honolulu, and losses or irregularities should be reported as soon as knowledge is had of their occurrence.

14. Send all letters, newspapers and small parcels to the post-office. As a rule, they will go faster and reach their destination more quickly in the mails than when sent in any other way. Most of the complaints about the non-receipt of letters are traceable to their being sent by chance conveyance outside the mails.

15. Domestic postal cards, costing one cent each, can be purchased at every post-office. Also two-cent postal cards, payable to the United States, Canada and Mexico, and three-cent postal cards, payable to any country in the Postal Union.

16. Double postal cards, called "return postal cards," intended for an immediate reply to a correspondent will soon be prepared, the cost being 2 cents—1 cent for the inquiry card and 1 cent for the return card.

17. Letters and papers addressed to persons residing in Honolulu should have the street and number, or some other designated place of delivery as it is the purpose of the department to establish letter carriers in Honolulu as soon as practicable.

18. The issue of money-orders on credit is strictly prohibited, and no money will be received by a postmaster in payment for money-orders issued, except that which is legal tender, or bank checks, orders and certificates of deposit.

19. Letter boxes will be prepared as soon as practicable, in all the post-offices in the Kingdom, and all persons who are in regular receipt of letters and newspapers will find it greatly to their convenience to have boxes.

20. A letter deposited in the mail can be recalled only by the writer, and then only on giving a written request for the same. After a letter leaves the office where deposited it becomes the property of the person to whom it is addressed, or his legal representative.

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